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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Taizou ITOU, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR MEASURING WATER CONCENTRATION IN AMMONIA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, the period of response to which has been extended for one month by a concurrently-filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following amended claims:

1. (Twice amended) A method for measuring a water concentration in ammonia, comprising:

introducing a gaseous phase moiety of liquefied ammonia having a water concentration of 10 ppm or less as a reference gas into a multi-reflection long optical path cell,

measuring infrared absorption intensity of the reference gas at an infrared wave number at which infrared absorptions of ammonia and water do not overlap as background absorption,